

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The flat-panel display device according to ~~claim 2,~~
claim 4, wherein each of said plurality of lead conductors has one end portion which extends in a direction substantially parallel to inner surfaces of said first and second plates, toward inner portions of said first and second plates, said each lead conductor being electrically connected at said one end portion thereof to the corresponding one of said plurality of internal conductors.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ flat-panel display device ~~according to claim 2~~
comprising:

a transparent first plate and a second plate which are disposed in parallel with each other and cooperate to define therebetween an air-tight space in which light is generated for emission through said first plate;

a sealing material for air-tightly sealing said air-tight space along a periphery of said first and second plates;

metallic thin sheets bonded with said sealing material to end faces of said first and second plates such that said metallic thin sheets cover said end faces;

a plurality of internal conductors disposed between said first and second plates, each of said plurality of internal conductors having one end located near said end faces; and

a plurality of lead conductors provided on surfaces of said metallic thin sheets which face said end faces of said first and second plates, said plurality of lead conductors being electrically connected to said internal conductors, respectively,

_____ wherein each of said metallic thin sheets has a surface covered by a layer of a dielectric material, and said plurality of lead conductors are strips of an electrically conductive material formed on said layer of the dielectric material.

5. (Currently Amended) The flat-panel display device according to ~~claim 2~~, claim 4, further comprising a plurality of external conductors which are provided on a back surface of said second plate and which are electrically connected to said plurality of lead conductors, respectively.

6. (Currently Amended) The flat-panel display device according to ~~claim 2~~, claim 4, wherein each of said metallic thin sheets is an L-shaped sheet that is L-shaped in transverse cross section and consists of two portions one of which faces said end faces of said first and second plates and the other of which faces a back surface of said second plate, each of said plurality of lead conductors being provided on one surface of said L-shaped sheet and L-shaped following said one surface of said L-shaped sheet.

7. (Currently Amended) The flat-panel display device according to ~~claim 1~~, claim 4, wherein each of said metallic thin sheets includes an end-face portion covering said end faces of said first and second plates, and a back-surface portion which extends from said end-face portion and covers a back surface of said second plate, said back-surface portion being provided for pressing contact with a heat dissipating member fixed to a frame member when the flat-panel display device is attached to the frame member.

8. (Currently Amended) The flat-panel display device according to ~~claim 1~~, claim 4, further comprising an electromagnetic-wave absorbing film which is formed on a front surface of said first plate and which is connected at a peripheral portion thereof to said metallic thin sheets.

9. (Currently Amended) The flat-panel display device according to ~~claim 1~~, claim 4, which is used as each of unitary components of a large-sized tiled display device

wherein a plurality of flat-panel display devices are arranged to provide a single flat display surface.

10-14. (Canceled)

15. (New) A flat-panel display device comprising:

a transparent first plate and a second plate which are disposed in parallel with each other and cooperate to define therebetween an air-tight space in which light is generated for emission through said first plate;

a sealing material for air-tightly sealing said air-tight space along a periphery of said first and second plates;

metallic thin sheets bonded with said sealing material to end faces of said first and second plates such that said metallic thin sheets cover said end faces;

a plurality of internal conductors disposed between said first and second plates, each of said plurality of internal conductors having one end located near said end faces;

a plurality of lead conductors provided on surfaces of said metallic thin sheets which face said end faces of said first and second plates, said plurality of lead conductors being electrically connected to said internal conductors, respectively; and

a plurality of external conductors which are provided on a back surface of said second plate and which are electrically connected to said plurality of lead conductors, respectively.

16. (New) The flat-panel display device according to claim 15, wherein each of said plurality of lead conductors has one end portion which extends in a direction substantially parallel to inner surfaces of said first and second plates, toward inner portions of said first and second plates, said each lead conductor being electrically connected at said one end portion thereof to the corresponding one of said plurality of internal conductors.

17. (New) The flat-panel display device according to claim 15, wherein each of said metallic thin sheets is an L-shaped sheet that is L-shaped in transverse cross section and consists of two portions one of which faces said end faces of said first and second plates and the other of which faces a back surface of said second plate, each of said plurality of lead conductors being provided on one surface of said L-shaped sheet and L-shaped following said one surface of said L-shaped sheet.

18. (New) The flat-panel display device according to claim 15, wherein each of said metallic thin sheets includes an end-face portion covering said end faces of said first and second plates, and a back-surface portion which extends from said end-face portion and covers a back surface of said second plate, said back-surface portion being provided for pressing contact with a heat dissipating member fixed to a frame member when the flat-panel display device is attached to the frame member.

19. (New) The flat-panel display device according to claim 15, further comprising an electromagnetic-wave absorbing film which is formed on a front surface of said first plate and which is connected at a peripheral portion thereof to said metallic thin sheets.

20. (New) The flat-panel display device according to claim 15, which is used as each of unitary components of a large-sized tiled display device wherein a plurality of flat-panel display devices are arranged to provide a single flat display surface.

21. (New) A flat-panel display device comprising:

a transparent first plate and a second plate which are disposed in parallel with each other and cooperate to define therebetween an air-tight space in which light is generated for emission through said first plate;

a sealing material for air-tightly sealing said air-tight space along a periphery of said first and second plates;

metallic thin sheets bonded with said sealing material to end faces of said first and second plates such that said metallic thin sheets cover said end faces;

a plurality of internal conductors disposed between said first and second plates, each of said plurality of internal conductors having one end located near said end faces; and

a plurality of lead conductors provided on surfaces of said metallic thin sheets which face said end faces of said first and second plates, said plurality of lead conductors being electrically connected to said internal conductors, respectively,

wherein each of said metallic thin sheets is an L-shaped sheet that is L-shaped in transverse cross section and consists of two portions one of which faces said end faces of said first and second plates and the other of which faces a back surface of said second plate, each of said plurality of lead conductors being provided on one surface of said L-shaped sheet and L-shaped following said one surface of said L-shaped sheet.

22. (New) The flat-panel display device according to claim 21, wherein each of said plurality of lead conductors has one end portion which extends in a direction substantially parallel to inner surfaces of said first and second plates, toward inner portions of said first and second plates, said each lead conductor being electrically connected at said one end portion thereof to the corresponding one of said plurality of internal conductors.

23. (New) The flat-panel display device according to claim 21, wherein each of said metallic thin sheets includes an end-face portion covering said end faces of said first and second plates, and a back-surface portion which extends from said end-face portion and covers a back surface of said second plate, said back-surface portion being provided for pressing contact with a heat dissipating member fixed to a frame member when the flat-panel display device is attached to the frame member.

24. (New) The flat-panel display device according to claim 21, further comprising an electromagnetic-wave absorbing film which is formed on a front surface of said first plate and which is connected at a peripheral portion thereof to said metallic thin sheets.

25. (New) The flat-panel display device according to claim 21, which is used as each of unitary components of a large-sized tiled display device wherein a plurality of flat-panel display devices are arranged to provide a single flat display surface.